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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1706

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Child Care Provider Violation Posting.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Walorski

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides for the Division of Family Resources to establish a ranking of child care licensee violations, information about the most serious of which must be available on the Division's Internet web site.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Currently, the Division of Family Resources (DFR) is required to include information on its Indiana Child Care Finder web site concerning violations of child care regulations by a licensed child care provider. As proposed, the DFR would be required to include information concerning the most serious violations as determined by rules adopted by the DFR (see *Adoption of Rules*).

Violations determined as the most serious would depend on decisions made by the DFR during their rule making process. Potentially, the DFR could decide that all or none of the violations should be considered as the most serious. Should all be determined to be the most serious and included on the website, the DFR would experience a minimal increase in expenditure to modify the Indiana Child Care Finder web site. Should certain violations be determined to be the most serious by the DFR and included on the website and others not, the DFR would need to modify their web site to only include the most serious violations

The Indiana Office of Technology reports that the cost to modify the Indiana Child Care Finder web site to include certain violations and not others would be approximately \$10,000 to \$20,000. The actual cost would be dependent on administrative action.

Adoption of Rules: This bill requires the DFR to adopt rules which establish a ranking of child care violations

from most to least serious. The DFR should be able to do so within its existing level of resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

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